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BOLTON WANDERERS

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Good evening and welcome to Spotland for tonight's game. These notes were compiled before last Saturday's game against Burnley so I can't comment on that match, but it is only the first week of the season and already we are involved in Cup football. Nevertheless what better way to start than against last season's Sherpa Van Trophy winners, Bolton Wanderers.

The three Lancashire Manx Cup games have given us some indication of the standard of Third Division football, but cup football tends to throw up the unexpected and especially with the tie being two-legged, we hope we can surprise one or two people.

Throughout the summer months a lot of hard work has been put in by many people involved with the club in making Spotland a much better place, and I am particularly grateful to John Holt and Jack Heywood for the time and effort they have put in to refurbish the dressing rooms, medical room and the Referee's room.

Tonight we extend a warm welcome to Phil Neal, his Directors, players and supporters from Bolton and look forward to a similar welcome when we go to Burnden Park next week for the second leg.

Terry Dolan

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WELCOME TO SPOTLAND ...

"CAN BOLTON CONTINUE LAST SEASON'S RUN?"

Bolton come to Spotland this evening hoping that the form shown at the end of last season can be transferred into this campaign. A 55 year old club record was broken as the Trotters were undefeated in their final 20 games, a run which culminated in the winning of the Sherpa Van Trophy at Wembley. That 4-1 defeat of Torquay made up somewhat for the 0-3 loss that Wanderers had suffered at the hands of Bristol City in the final of the same competition in 1986. Despite falling a goal behind to the Devon outfit, Bolton fought back and won with goals from Darby, Chandler, Crombie and Morgan.

The game, which was watched by 46,513, earned Bolton around £100,000 and Phil Neal has put the money to good use. Striker Tony Philliskirk was signed from Preston and fellow forward David Reeves arrived from Sheffield Wednesday. Experienced goalkeeper Kevin Rose came from Hereford to act as a standby to Dave Felgate who is currently in a contractual dispute with the club.

Bolton also received £30,000 from West Brom for striker John Thomas. This fee, which was set by a tribunal, upset most people at Burnden Park since Thomas had been a consistent scorer for Wanderers after arriving from Preston two years ago. However, Phil Neal didn't grumble and quickly signed replacements in Philliskirk and Reeves.

Wanderers started their pre-season games in the Isle of Man Festival — this being the reward for winning the Manx Cup last year! However, it was generally agreed that this tournament had come a bit too early for the Trotters, who were still playing at the end of May, and not surprisingly Bolton returned home having lost two of their three games. This season's Manx Cup produced a win, a draw and a defeat, so Phil Neal certainly had plenty of food for thought before last Saturday's opener at Cardiff. Tonight marks the start of the Littlewoods Cup though, and with last season's Wembley memory still fresh in their minds the Bolton players will be all geared up and ready to have a go at another cup competition.

MEET THE PLAYERS

Goalkeepers ... It is still debatable as to who will appear in goal for Bolton tonight. Both **Dave Felgate** and **Kevin Rose** have appeared in the pre-season games, although with Felgate refusing to sign a new contract, Rose may get the nod from Phil Neal. Felgate will be a familiar face to Dale fans of course. He made his League debut at Spotland almost 11 years ago and played 47 games for Rochdale in two spells. He now has over 400 League games under his belt and was ever present last

season. Rose, a £20,000 summer signing from Hereford, should also be recognised by Dale supporters. He made over 250 consecutive appearances for Hereford after making his League debut for them in 1983, and had played in all but one of Hereford's games against Rochdale in that time.

Defenders ... Ever present at right-back last season was **Phil Brown**. He was signed by Phil Neal from Halifax in June 1988 for £17,000 after previously playing for Hartlepool. All being well, he should make his 400th league appearance on Saturday when Bolton play Fulham. Occupying the left-back position for most of last season was **Barry Cowdrill**. He arrived at Burnden Park from West Brom last summer and missed only 8 matches during 1988/89.

With over 400 league appearances to his credit, former Lincoln and Grimsby man **Dean Crombie** is a player of undoubted experience. He is capable of operating in the centre of defence or at full back, which is where he must spend most of his time since he has only scored 3 League goals in his career! However, he did hit Bolton's third goal at Wembley last May. St Helen's born **Mark Winstanley** is a player of whom much is expected. He came through Bolton's youth and reserve sides and made his league debut in March 1986. Mark made 44 league appearances last term and collected the Club's player of the year award.

Completing Bolton's defenders are **Mark Carne** and **Paul Hughes**. Carne will be hoping to force his way back into the side after playing only 2 League games last season. This was due to him suffering a badly broken leg in a Littlewoods Cup tie at Chester. Hughes is another player who suffered injury last season — so much so that he never made a first team appearance. Born in Manchester, he is a former captain of Bolton's youth team.

Midfielders ... Another player who has spent all his career with Bolton is **Julian Darby**. He joined the Wanderers straight from school and is the only Bolton born player in the first team squad. It was perhaps fitting then, that Julian should score our visitors' opening goal at Wembley. In midfield, Darby is partnered by former Liverpool apprentice **Bobbie Savage**. He never played a first team game for the Anfield club and had to go on loan to Wrexham in order to make his league debut. After further spells with Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford, Savage came to Burnden Park for £35,000 in September 1987 and had made 77 appearances for Bolton by the end of last season. Oldham born **Steve Thompson** is Bolton's longest serving player. He made his debut almost 7 years ago and is fast approaching 250 league appearances for the club. Steve finished last season as joint leading goalscorer with 11 goals.

BOLTON WANDERERS



Back Row: (L to R): *Crombie, Came, Felgate, Rose, Gray, Winstanley, Cowdrill.*

Middle Row (L to R): *Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Darby, Reeves, Philliskirk, Thompson, Storer, Henshaw, Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (Physiotherapist)*

Front Row Seated (L to R): *Stevens, Fisher, Hughes, Brookman, Mick Brown (First Team Coach), Phil Neal (Manager), Roberts, Chandler, Savage, Spooner.*

Stuart Storer is another member of Bolton's strong midfield department. He initially joined the Trotters on loan from Everton in late 1987 and then made the move more permanent for a fee of £25,000 in January 1988. He has however been unable to command a regular first team place since then. Other midfielders in the Bolton squad are **Jeff Chandler**, **Gary Henshaw** and **Nicky Brookman**. Chandler is in his second spell with Wanderers having previously played for them between 1981 and 1985. He returned to Burnden Park in July 1987.

Henshaw, who is currently on the transfer list, arrived at Bolton in the summer of 1987 from Grimsby. Born in Leeds, he had made 52 appearances for Wanderers by the end of 1988-89. Manchester born Brookman came to Bolton on a YTS. He made his League debut in April 1987 and had appeared in 54 League games before the start of this season.

Finally, former Manchester City and West Brom midfielder Gary Owen is playing for Bolton for a trial period. If this proves successful, then manager Phil Neal may offer the experienced player a full contract.

Forwards ... With the money that Bolton gleaned from their Sherpa Van Trophy success, Phil Neal went out and bought two strikers — **David Reeves** from Sheffield Wednesday and **Tony Philliskirk** from Preston. Reeves, whose fee is to be set by a tribunal, was loaned out to Scunthorpe and Burnley during his time at Hillsborough. After scoring 14 goals in just 26 games

whilst on loan, Reeves returned to Sheffield to try and command a first team slot. However, he was unable to do this and Bolton moved in to bring him to Burnden Park. Philliskirk started his career with Sheffield United. Whilst he was there, Vic Halom attempted to bring him to Spotland to play for Rochdale, but that deal fell through. He then moved on to Oldham and from there to Preston. He cost Bolton £50,000 in the summer. Pushing Reeves and Philliskirk for the strikers' roles will be young **Mike Jeffrey** and **Ian Stevens**. Jeffrey made his debut for our visitors last March after some promising reserve team displays. He was leading scorer for Bolton in their pre-season friendlies. Stevens arrived at Burnden Park from Preston in 1987 and has made 38 appearances since then, scoring 7 goals. Finally, **Trevor Morgan** completes Wanderers' forward players. The former Bournemouth striker finished last season as joint leading scorer with Steve Thompson, although he hasn't yet trained with the rest of the squad.

PRE-SEASON RESULTS

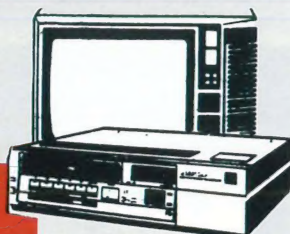
Motherwell (IOM), 0-1
Dundalk (IOM), 1-0
Swansea (IOM), 1-2
Burnley (A, LMC), 2-2
Wigan (A, LMC), 0-1
Man. City (H), 0-2
Blackburn (H, LMC), 3-1

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TERRACE VIEWS

Rochdale's pre-season Lancashire Manx Cup campaign produced a mixed bag of results and as a consequence has provoked mixed feelings amongst supporters as to what the 1989-90 season holds in store for 'the Dale'. A total of three points from three games gained from a group comprising of opposition from higher divisions cannot be regarded as a failure, and hopefully, this pre-season experience will hold in good stead for tonight's Littlewoods Cup clash against another Third Division side, Bolton Wanderers.

Saturday 5th August 1989 ROCHDALE 0 BLACKPOOL 0

For many fans, this was the first opportunity to see Dolan's new signings in competitive action. And many left Spotland that sunny afternoon quite satisfied with what had been put on show by Dale's new team.

Although the second half failed to live up to the first half treat which had been served up, there was never any fear that the Dale would lose this one. New signing Willie Burns, from Manchester City, particularly impressed in the heart of the defence, and showed equal adeptness when moving forward. If there was any complaint at all to make concerning the Dale performance, it would have to concern the poor quality finishing in and around the penalty area as Blackpool were allowed to escape Spotland with an undeserved point.

In the end this point was vital to 'the Seaside' as they qualified to the final as winners of our group. From their lack-lustre performance at Spotland, it was hard to understand how they managed that.

ROCHDALE: Welch; Goodison, Chapman, Lucketti (Edmonds 84), Cole, Ward, Small (Hill 74), Holmes, Whellans, Burns, Stonehouse.

BLACKPOOL: McIlhargy, Burgess, Morgan, Gore, Briggs, Matthews, Thompson, (Broadshaw 70), Madden, Sinclair, Coughlin, Wright.

Attendance: 1085

Tuesday 8th August 1989 ROCHDALE 1 BURY 3

After the promising start which Rochdale had made in the previous game, it was a big disappointment for the Dale fans in the 1300 crowd as Bury dominated this 'derby' game. The match had hardly started before The Shakers had run into a two goal lead through midfield man Jamie Hoyland. Complacency in defence, linked with a failure to create chances up front, meant that it was always going to be a frustrating day for Dale players and supporters. When Bury scored their third goal from a Liam Robinson penalty, Rochdale's misery was complete. The Dale simply couldn't cope with dangerous Tony Cunningham in the Bury forward line, a man who is likely to cause problems to a few Third Division defences this season.

But even a late consolation goal from Willie Burns — scored in somewhat farcical conditions — could not lift the gloom over Spotland.

ROCHDALE: Welch; Goodison, Chapman, Lucketti, Cole, Ward, Small, Holmes (Ainscow 56), Whellans (Hasford 41), Burns, Stonehouse. BURY: Farnworth; Hill, Withe, Hoyland, Valentine (Knill 45), Clements, Lee (Barnes 53), Feeley, Cunningham, Robinson, Parkinson.

Attendance: 1382.

Saturday 12th August 1989 PRESTON 1 ROCHDALE 2

Thank god for another day and another match! After the poor showing against Bury, it was a real shame that there were not more Dale fans at Deepdale to witness a spirited and determined performance by Dolan's lads.

Although Preston threw everything they had at the Dale goal in the first half, the defence, bolstered by the introduction of ex-Scunthorpe centre-half Tony Brown, coped without too many scares.

And when Dale took the lead a quarter of an hour into the second half, it was nothing more than their endeavours deserved. Burns had already had a goal disallowed, but when Cole's near post header from Holmes' corner was forced in by Stonehouse, there was to be no let off. The referee signalled a goal to wild acclaim from the Dale following. Although Preston equalised midway through the second-half, there was to be no denying Rochdale when Alan Ainscow's free-kick curled into the top corner of Andrew Gilt's goal.

So, a well deserved win and a good reason for viewing the new season with a certain degree of optimism.

ROCHDALE: Welch; Goodison, Chapman, Brown (O'Shaughnessy 58), Cole, Ward, Ainscow, Holmes, Walling (Whellans 70), Burns, Stonehouse.

PRESTON: Hollis; James (Atkins 70), Rathbone, Miller, Jones, Hughes, Mooney, Ellis, Joyce, Shaw, Patterson.

Now as the real season is upon us, let's see if the lads can repeat the performance tonight!

COMING FIXTURES: BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIV 4.

Aug 22	Bolton W	H
	Littlewoods Cup	
	Tues 7.30pm	
Aug 26	Scunthorpe U	A
Aug 29	Bolton W	A
	(Littlewoods Cup	
	Tues 7.30pm)	
Sep 2	Wrexham	H
Sep 9	York C	A
Sep 16	Colchester U	H
Sep 23	Torquay U	A
Sep 26	Hartlepool U	H
	Tues 7.30pm	
Sep 30	Chesterfield	A

DALE RESERVES

With a larger squad of professional players than the club has had for many years, it is likely that the Reserve team in the Lancashire League will be considerably stronger than has been the case in recent seasons. It is essential that the back-up for the First team can be relied upon, and we are hoping for a highly successful season for the Reserves.

The early fixtures are:

A	Aug 19	Everton 'A'
H	Aug 26	Preston N E 'A'
A	Sep 2	Blackburn R 'A'
A	Sep 9	Crewe Alex 'A'
A	Sep 16	Marine Res
H	Sep 23	Morecambe Res

First Team Update

Up to	League		F.A.		Other	
16 Apr 89			Cup		Matches	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls

ALFORD	(4)					
ARMITAGE	30(3)	2		3		
BEAUMONT	27(3)	7	2	1	2(1)	1
BROWN	8					
COPELAND	25(1)	2		4		
EDMONDS	33(2)	7	2	1	2	
FOTHERGILL	7			1		
FRAIN	39	10	2	1	4	
HARRIS	9(1)	1			2	
HUGHES	0				1	
JONES	11	2				
LOMAX	25(1)		1		1(1)	
McINTYRE	2(2)					
MELLISH	11(3)	1	(1)			
MYCOCK	8				1	
O'SHAUGHNESSY	34(3)	5	2		4	2
REID	17(1)	2	2	1	4	1
ROBERTS	1					
SMART	37(1)				2(1)	
SMITH	26(1)	7	2		4	
SUTTON	28	2	2		4	
TAYLOR	13	3				
WALLING	22(8)	2			1	
WELCH	42		2		4	
WINDRIDGE	5					
WOOD	2(3)				(2)	

Substitute appearances in brackets.
Other matches include Littlewoods Cup
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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIV. FOUR FINAL TABLE 1988-1989

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham . . .	46	22	16	8	76	35	82
Tranmere	46	21	17	8	62	43	80
Crewe	46	21	15	10	67	48	78
Scunthorpe . . .	46	21	14	11	77	57	77
Scarborough . .	46	21	14	11	67	52	77
Leyton Orient .	46	21	12	13	86	50	75
Wrexham	46	19	14	13	77	63	71
Cambridge . . .	46	18	14	14	71	62	68
Grimsby	46	17	15	14	65	59	66
Lincoln	46	18	10	18	64	60	64
York	46	17	13	16	62	63	64
Carlisle	46	15	15	16	53	52	60
Exeter	46	18	6	22	65	68	60
Torquay	46	17	8	21	45	60	59
Hereford	46	14	16	16	66	72	58
Burnley	46	14	13	19	52	61	55
Peterborough . .	46	14	12	20	52	74	54
Rochdale	46	13	14	19	56	82	53
Hartlepool . . .	46	14	10	22	50	78	52
Stockport	46	10	21	15	54	52	51
Halifax	46	13	11	22	69	75	50
Colchester . . .	46	12	14	20	60	78	50
Doncaster	46	13	10	23	49	78	49
Darlington . . .	46	8	18	20	53	76	42

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MEET THE REFEREE ...

Tonight's referee is Jim Parker of Preston. He was at Spotland just over a fortnight ago when he refereed our Manx Cup game with Blackpool, and last season he took charge of our opening League game at Burnley. In May, he refereed Bolton's home League game with Wigan, so it seems as though the Appointments Secretary enjoys giving Jim Lancashire Derbys!

Jim began refereeing in local Preston leagues and progressed through other regional leagues to the full referees list in 1987. He lists crown green bowls, photography and swimming as his hobbies and is married with two daughters. Jim is employed as the proprietor of a garage.

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TEN YEARS AGO —
Played 20th August 1979
STOCKPORT C 1 v DALE 1
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STOCKPORT: Lawson, Sherlock, Rutter, Edwards, Czeczman, Chapman, Summerbee, Thorpe, Henson, Gavin, Lee. Sub: Maloney

DALE: Watson, Hallows, Snookes, Weir, Bannon, Taylor, Esser, Scalfe, Hilditch, O'Loughlin, Jones. Sub: Hart.

Referee: Mr B Martin (Keyworth)
Attendance 3554

TWENTY YEARS AGO —
Played 27th August 1969

BRIGHTON 2 v DALE 0
Spearrit, Gilliver

BRIGHTON: Sidebottom, Henderson, Bell, Smith, Napier, Turner, Armstrong, Lawson, Dawson, Gilliver, Spearrit. Sub: Tawse.

DALE: Harker, Smith, Parry, Ashworth, Ryder, Downes, Rudd, Whitehead, Melledew, Jenkins, Butler. Sub: Buck for Jenkins.

Referee: Mr R A Paine (Hounslow)
Attendance 4038

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DALE MASCOT

Dale's mascot tonight is PAUL SPENCER who will be eleven on Saturday next.

He attends Kingsway Middle School and his favourite player is Keith Welch.

BEST WISHES TO STUART PEARSON

It is good to hear that long-time supporter Stuart Pearson is now making slow but steady progress in the local Infirmary. Stuart is a HGV driver who was involved in a nasty road traffic accident when his artic jack-knifed on the Motorway. Keep up the Improvement Stuart!!! We hope to see you at Spotland in the near future. If you come early enough, you might be able to play ... who said that?



ROCHDALE

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| 1 | Keith WELCH |
| 2 | Wayne GOODISON |
| 3 | Vince CHAPMAN |
| 4 | Tony BROWN |
| 5 | David COLE |
| 6 | Peter WARD |
| 7 | Alan AINSCOW |
| 8 | Mick HOLMES |
| 9 | Dean WALLING |
| 10 | Willie BURNS |
| 11 | Kevin STONEHOUSE |
| S | S. O'SHAUGHNESSY |
| S | Robbie WHELLANS |

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| 1 | Kevin ROSE |
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| 3 | Barry COWDRILL |
| 4 | Robbie SAVAGE |
| 5 | Dean CROMBIE |
| 6 | Mark WINSTANLEY |
| 7 | Stuart STORER |
| 8 | Stevie THOMPSON |
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DALE'S LITTLEWOODS CUP RECORD AGAINST THE TROTTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	1	0	0	1	0	4
Away	1	0	0	1	3	6
Total	2	0	0	2	3	10

MEMORY MATCH

Tuesday 12th March 1985
Freight Rover Trophy, Northern Area, Second Round

Rochdale (0) 0
Bolton (0) 1 (Caldwell)
Att. 2,650

Rochdale: Redfern, Cavanagh, Heaton, McMahon, Cooke, Johnson, Thompson, Diamond, Taylor, Chapman, Gamble; Subs not used: Holden, McCluskie

Bolton: Farnworth, Borrows, Phillips (sub Bailey), Joyce, Valentine, Deakin, Rudge, Foster, Evans, Caldwell, Bell.

Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)

What the Rochdale Observer said ...

"TROPHY BITTER!"

When you have endured stalemate for 90 minutes, you don't expect to be sunk within a further 90 seconds. Referee Peter Willis had extended the game by a minute and a half when Tony Evans fastened onto substitute Ian Bailey's free-kick to drive a shot against the home crossbar. Tony Caldwell was first to respond to the rebound, beating off the challenge of young Ian Johnson to head Bolton into the next round.

As a horde of Bolton fans charged onto the pitch, eleven men in white shirts were left to reflect on a tale of missed chances — or, in this case, a missed chance. It fell to former Bolton man Steve Taylor, 20 minutes into a second half vastly more entertaining than the drab opening period. Frank Gamble made the opportunity with a delightful run and pass, but Taylor belted the ball well wide. That miss and an Ian McMahon volley that flew wide were the home side's best chances in a match where openings were distributed fairly evenly.

LAST MEETING AT SPOTLAND

Saturday, 24th October, 1987
Barclays League Division Four

Rochdale (1) 2 (Bramhall, Parlane)
Bolton (0) 2 (Thomas 2 (1 pen))
Att. 4,294

Rochdale: Welch, Lomax, Hampton, Reid, Bramhall, Smart, Parker, Simmonds, Parlane, Coyle, Seasman; subs not used. Walling, Holden.

Bolton: Felgate, Scott, Crombie, (sub Stevens), Savage, Carne, Sutton, Brookman, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Darby; Sub not used. Winstanley.

Referee: W. Flood (Manchester)

What the Rochdale Observer said ...

"Point made by Dalemén"

What a nice change it was to see Dale battling away, showing commitment in most quarters, and showing one or two nice touches. It was still far from an ideal performance by Dale, but the most important thing is that most of the Dalemén once more looked as though they wanted to win.

Dale took the lead after 24 minutes. A corner on the right caused confusion in the Bolton defence. Parker had a shot beaten out which caused more panic, and then Bramhall headed home another cross. Dale didn't have long to wait in the second half for another goal. The ball was pushed upfield and found Parlane in space. With the Bolton defence frozen he took the ball on and hit it low past Dave Felgate.

After 70 minutes, Bolton pulled one back when John Thomas took a pass from Steve Elliott and blasted the ball home. Then, with two minutes left, disaster struck. Two Bolton forwards were clearly offside, but play continued. Brookman went down in the box, and Thomas made it 2-2 from the spot.

S U P P O R T E R S C L U B N O T E S

Unfortunately at the time of writing these notes I do not know the result of the Burnley match here on Saturday and therefore cannot comment on the team's performance or the supporters behaviour which I sincerely hope was good.

Tonight we extend a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters from our near neighbours Bolton Wanderers. It is the First Round, first leg of the Littlewoods Cup, the second leg being at Bolton a week tonight. There is a Supporter Club coach going to that match — details at the end of these notes. No doubt there are many here who witnessed Dale's success in this competition, formerly the Milk Cup and League Cup, in 1961/62 season when we were runners up to Norwich City. Rochdale are long overdue a good run in any cup competition and let us hope tonight sees the start of just that.

Rochdale last met Bolton Wanderers last season when we played them at Burnden Park in the Lancashire Manx Cup, a most enjoyable game which went Bolton's way on penalties.

CLUB SHOP

Visit the Club Shop and see the souvenirs and programmes we have on offer. Now being sold are leather goods which include cheque book

covers, key cases, credit card wallets and money wallets. At the time of writing we haven't yet received the 'Dale on Tour' T-shirts but they should be on sale tonight if not certainly by the next home game.

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We apologise for the slight increase in coach prices this year, owing to increases in prices for the hire of coaches this season. Once again Les Bywaters will be our coach operators. I think you will all agree when I say they give us an excellent service and assist us as much as possible on all transport matters. Don't forget, non-members of the Supporter Club after these two away games will pay £1 extra on coach prices! Join the Supporters Club now! £2.50 Seniors; £1.00 OAPs; 50p Juniors.

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QUICK QUIZ

Take the initial letter of each answer and rearrange these to find a player who has appeared for both Rochdale and Bolton.

- 1 In which town do Maldstone play?
- 2 Who will represent Wales in the European Cup Winners Cup this season?
- 3 Which team is managed by Billy Bremner?
- 4 Who won the Fourth Division championship last season?
- 5 For which team are Tony Agara and Brian Stein the star?
- 6 What is Port Vale's nickname?
- 7 Who did Everton sell Neil Adams to during the close season?
- 8 Who were the first English club to sign a Russian player?
- 9 Who won the Scottish Cup last season?
- 10 For whom did Paul McGrath sign during the summer?

Player: DAVID CROSS

1 (D)arford 2 (S)wansea 3 (D)oncaster 4 (R)otherham 5 (S)heffield United 6 (V)ollants 7 (C)idham 8

9 (P)arish 10 (A)ston Villa

Answers

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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

Once again Dale embark on the Littlewoods Challenge Cup trail. These notes were written before last Saturday's game against Burnley, but despite the result then, whether favourable or not I am sure Terry will have the lads geared up for tonight's match.

An aspect of the game that is becoming more prominent is the Ladies Football, and with this in mind, I am asking for any budding lady footballer who would like to receive

some coaching and enjoy our training sessions, they will be most welcome. The sessions have proved to be great fun, but it is my intention to mould a good team together to challenge other clubs.

We have already arranged friendlies against Oldham and Burnley and have entered a seven-a-side competition at Crewe.

Please get in touch on 523993 if you are interested.

Keith Hicks

SOCCER SNIPPETS

Welcome to Spotland tonight for our Littlewoods Cup First Round Leg clash with our Third Division local rivals Bolton Wanderers.

The last time our two sides met was in last season's pre-season Lancashire Manx Cup campaign when our group game at Burnden Park proved to be the deciding tie as to who would progress to the final. On that occasion Bolton went through by the narrowest of margins, as they equalised Shaun Reid's opener for the Dale with a last minute equaliser, and then won the resultant penalty shoot out 5-4. Perhaps, then, the Dale will be able to gain a revenge for missing out on that 'cup final' by gaining a good result tonight to take to Burnden Park for the second leg next Tuesday.

Of course many of the players who played in that particular game have since gone their way and found pastures new. During the close season, Bolton manager Phil Neal has been busy on the transfer market, selling striker John Thomas to West Brom for a £30,000 fee fixed by a transfer tribunal. Neal himself has invested £20,000 in Hereford United goalkeeper Kevin Rose and has spent £50,000 on Preston striker Tony Philliskirk, who has played for Oldham and Sheffield United, and was once a transfer target for Vic Halom when he was manager at Spotland. A transfer tribunal also decided on the fee which Bolton had to pay for Sheffield Wednesday striker David Reeves.

Elsewhere in the Fourth Division, there has been a considerable amount of spending on new acquisitions.

Halifax Town have certainly been reaping the benefits of their youth policy. After successful dealings last season they have now sold highly-rated striker Wayne Allison to Watford, this time for £250,000. They have also received a £100,000 fee from Peterborough for midfielder David Robinson. They have spent some of this cash on the signings of Mitch Cook from Scarborough and winger Brian Butler from Stockport.

The Edgeley Park club, now of course managed by ex-Dale boss Danny Bergara have made a number of signings — including four players who were with Rochdale last season. Bergara caused quite a stir when he sold crowd favourite Tony Hancock to Burnley for £50,000 and then swapped another striker, Bob Colville for York's Alan Dean.

Meanwhile, Dixie McNeil's Wrexham are another club in the money at the moment. McNeil has received over £250,000 for the sales of striker Kevin Russell (£180,000) to

Leicester and goalkeeper Mike Salmon to Charlton for £70,000. The Welshmen are beginning to gain a reputation for grooming First Division goalkeepers, having sold keeper Mike Hooper to Liverpool not so long ago. McNeil has spent money on Oxford midfielder Sean Reck and Darlington striker Gary Worthington, who scored a few goals for the relegation-doomed Feetham's club last season.

Darlington themselves have had a major clear-out, releasing almost the entire squad which took them down last season. Manager Brian Little has been given the task of regaining League status at the first attempt and has bought Kevan Smith from York for £20,000. He has also spent money on taking Andy Toman and John Borthwick from Hartlepool. Meanwhile he has lost Gary McDonald and John Gidman — who scored for The Quakers against Rochdale at Feethams last season — to Stockport, who reputedly have a professional squad of around 25 for the new season.

In order to replace Gidman, Little has taken experienced Frank Gray from Sunderland. Elsewhere in the Fourth Division, Grimsby have recently spent £50,000 on ex-West Brom and Cardiff player Tony Rees from Barnsley.

Meanwhile even Hereford, always notable for their quiet close season transfer activity, have got in on the act, signing Chris Hemming from Stoke for £20,000. The young defender was in the news recently after having a heart operation and then resuming his professional career at Stoke.

Considering all the transfer activity which has gone on during the season it will be difficult to predict who will struggle and who will prosper during the coming season. As always the likes of Scunthorpe and Wrexham will do well. But there are no sure bets for promotion. Burnley have had a wretched pre-season campaign and Peterborough, although spending considerable sums of money, never seem to be able to put it together when it matters.

So who knows? Anything could happen come next May. It's a long season and a lot has yet to happen.

But for the meantime we must concentrate on the Littlewood's Cup. As it's a derby game, there's bound to be lots of atmosphere. Get behind the lads and help them on to greater things!

Mark Woodall

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PLAYER PROFILE

KEVIN STONEHOUSE

Another of the more experienced close season signings which Terry Dolan made was the capture of striker Kevin Stonehouse from relegated Darlington. With so many young professionals in the Dale ranks, it will no doubt be useful to have a player with experience of over 200 League games behind him leading the front line.

Born in Bishop Auckland on the 20th of September 1959, the likeable Geordie has nevertheless spent most of his football career here in the North West, with Blackburn, Blackpool and, of course, now Rochdale. He was first signed by Howard Kendall for Blackburn Rovers in the late 1970's and spent four years playing under him at Ewood Park. Kendall is a manager whom Kevin rates particularly highly, although he is ready to admit that as a striker his life wasn't easy.

"Kendall's teams were always defensively very good — he always aimed to play with a strong defensive formation: those were his tactics," Stonehouse explains. "It meant that there were never very many goals to be scored up front." Stonehouse particularly remembers the season of 1980/81 when Blackburn missed out on promotion only on goals difference.

"The manager joked that we might be the first team ever to get promotion whose top scorer hadn't even scored ten goals. In the end I was top scorer with eleven."

The season before, Blackburn had gained promotion from the Third division to the second, the first of three times that Kevin has helped a club to achieve promotion.

When Howard Kendall moved to Everton, Bobby Saxton took over at Ewood Park. Stonehouse wasn't too dismayed at the change, explaining that Saxton had tried to sign him when he was manager at Plymouth. But finally, in 1983, he moved on to Huddersfield, signing for £25,000 on transfer deadline day. The Yorkshire side were at the time on the brink of promotion to the Second Division, and Kevin contributed to their achievements of this. This was an experience which he describes as one of the greatest moments of his footballing career.

During his time at Huddersfield, Kevin was playing in a side which contained

players such as Dave Sutton, Paul Jones and Brian Stanton, who all went on to make appearances for Rochdale!

But a year to the day when he first signed for Huddersfield, he was on his travels again, this time to the seaside and "sunny" Blackpool. It was in March 1984 that Stonehouse was signed for "the Seasiders" by Sam Ellis for £25,000. Stonehouse stayed at Bloomfield Road for five seasons, playing nearly sixty games and scoring twenty goals, an average of one goal in three games, which he has maintained throughout his career. His final 18 months there was a frustrating experience as he broke his leg. In his second comeback game after fighting back to fitness he was unfortunate enough to break the same leg again, and in 1987 he found himself on the soccer scrapheap, given a free transfer from Blackpool.

Kevin, undoubtedly holds many fond memories of Bloomfield Road. It was there that he achieved his third promotion, to the Third Division in the Blackpool team of 1984-85 which came runners up to champions Chesterfield. After being released by Blackpool, Stonehouse moved back to his native north-east, and after proving his fitness, Darlington offered him the opportunity of rebuilding his career. Kevin stayed there for two seasons, when he was moved to the unfamiliar playing position of left wing. At Blackburn, Bobby Saxton had experimented with playing him in midfield, but Stonehouse himself has no doubt about where he prefers playing. "I've always thought of myself as a centre-forward," he says.

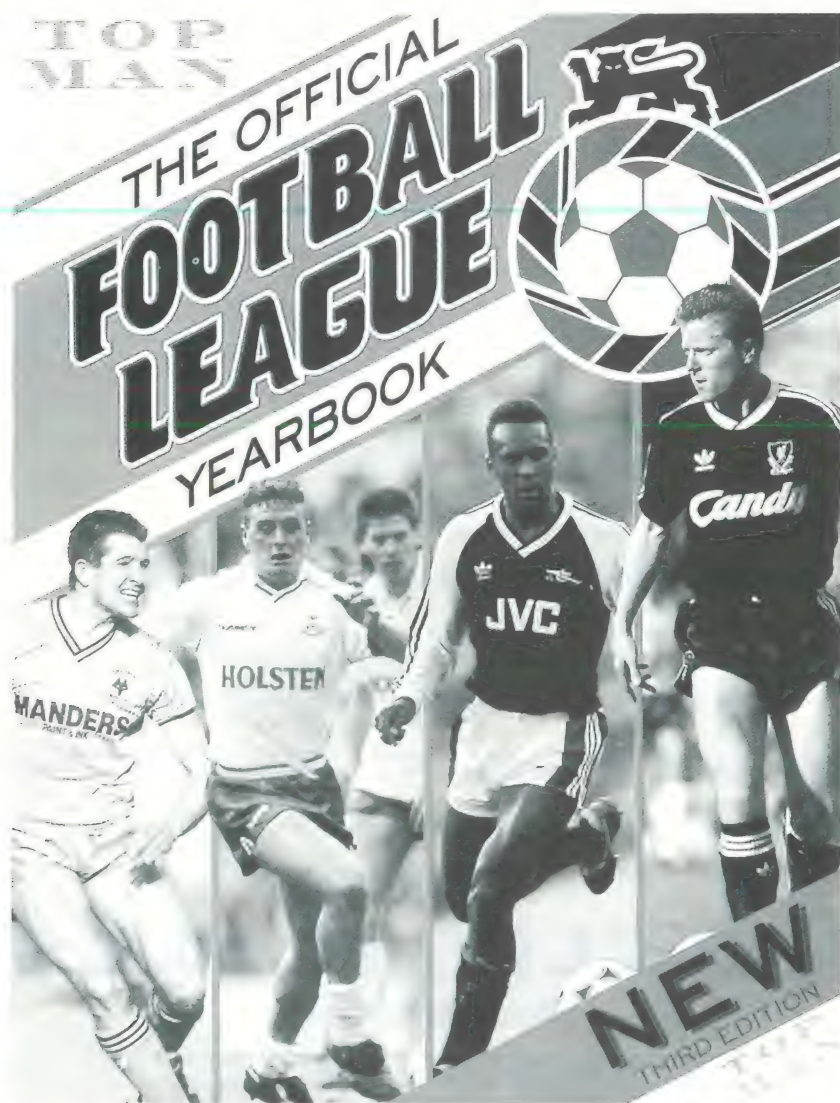
After two seasons as a regular for Darlington, a time during which he scored twice one October Saturday in 1987 to help sink Rochdale 3-1 at Spotland, he found his world turned upside down once more, as "The Quakers" were relegated to the GM Vauxhall Conference. "That was not a nice experience," he said. "I wouldn't like to repeat it."

Kevin's most recent move has brought him to Spotland. "I've always wanted to move back down to Lancashire" he says, "the people are so helpful and friendly."

Kevin has managed to gain promotion with all three North-Western clubs he has played for: can he help make it a fourth?

Mark Woodall.

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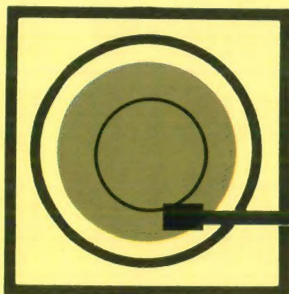
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1988 Res. Att.

Opponents	Res.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	£
Aug 27 Burnley	4-2	7510	Weich	Copeland*	Armitage	Lomax	Sutton	Smart	Harris	Reid	Smith	O'Shinsky	Frain	Walling*
Aug 31 BURNLEY (LC)	3-3	3669	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Lomax	Sutton	Smart	Harris	Reid	Smith	O'Shinsky	Frain	Walling*
Sep 3 ROTHERHAM	0-2	2107	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Lomax	Sutton	Reid	Harris	Smith	Beaumont*	O'Shinsky	Frain	Smart
Sep 6 ROTHERHAM (LC)	1-2	6673	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Hughes†	Sutton	Reid	Harris	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Smart
Sep 10 Scarborough	3-3	2456	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Harris†	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Walling†
Sep 17 EXETER CITY	2-1	1216	Weich	Copeland	Mycock	Smart	Sutton	Lomax	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Reid*
Sep 20 DONCASTER	2-1	1645	Weich	Copeland	Mycock	Smart	Sutton	Lomax	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Reid*
Sep 24 Grimsby T	3-1	2939	Weich	Copeland	Mycock	Smart	Sutton	Lomax	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Reid*
Oct 1 CREWE A	2-1	2227	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Lomax	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Reid*
Oct 4 Hartlepool	1-0	2483	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Reid*
Oct 8 STOCKPORT C	1-1	3021	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Harris*	Smith	Walling†	O'Shinsky	Frain	Edmonds*
Oct 14 Halifax T	4-4	2563	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Harris*	Smith	Walling†	O'Shinsky	Frain	Edmonds*
Oct 22 SCUNTHORPE	1-0	2250	Weich	Lomax	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Harris*	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Copeland
Oct 26 Hereford	4-4	2071	Weich	Lomax	Edmonds	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Harris*	Smith	Walling	O'Shinsky	Frain	Copeland
Oct 29 DARLINGTON	2-2	2476	Weich	Lomax	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Harris	Edmonds	Beaumont	Beaumont	Frain(2)	Copeland
Nov 4 Tranmere	0-2	3470	Weich	Copeland	Lomax	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Frain	Edmonds	Beaumont	Beaumont	Harris*	Armitage
Nov 8 Torquay	0-1	1931	Weich	Copeland	Lomax	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Edmonds	Smith	Walling*	Beaumont	Frain	O'Shinsky*
Nov 12 WREXHAM	3-3	2280	Weich	Copeland	Lomax	Smart	Sutton	Reid	O'Shinsky†	Walling*	Edmonds	Beaumont	Frain	Smith*
Nov 19 Huddersf. FA1	1-1	6178	Weich	Copeland	Lomax	Armitage	Sutton	Reid	O'Shinsky	Smith	Edmonds	Beaumont	Frain	Smith*
Nov 26 YORK	2-0	1880	Weich	Copeland	Lomax*	Armitage	Sutton	Reid	O'Shinsky	Smith	Edmonds	Beaumont	Frain	Walling
Nov 28 HUDDERSF. FA1	3-4	5645	Weich	Copeland	Mycock	Armitage*	Sutton	Reid	O'Shinsky	Smith	Edmonds	Beaumont	Frain	Walling
Dec 3 Peterborough	0-1	3273	Weich	Copeland	Mycock	O'Shinsky	Sutton	Reid	Wood	Smith	Mellish*	Beaumont	Frain	Armitage*
Dec 6 Blackpool SVT	0-2	1228	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Reid	Edmonds	Smith*	O'Shinsky	Beaumont	Frain	Wood*
Dec 13 WIGAN SVT	0-2	1134	Weich	Fathergill†	Mycock*	Reid	Sutton	Copeland	O'Shinsky	Smith	Beaumont	Edmonds	Frain	Wood†
Dec 16 COLCHESTER	1-1	1258	Weich	Lomax	Armitage	Reid	Sutton	Copeland	O'Shinsky	Smith	Beaumont*	Edmonds	Frain	Smart
Dec 26 Carlisle	0-1	10013	Weich	Mellish	Armitage	O'Shinsky	Sutton	Smart	O'Shinsky	Smith*	Beaumont	Edmonds	Frain	Walling
Dec 30 Cambridge	0-2	2319	Weich	Smart	Armitage	O'Shinsky	Sutton	Lomax	Edmonds*	Smith	Walling	Beaumont	Frain	Wood*

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Jan 2 LEYTON O	0-3	2036	Weich	Smart	Lomax:	O'Shinsky	Sutton	Mellish	Wood*	Smith	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Copeland:
Jan 7 LINCOLN	2-2	1515	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Lomax	Mellish	Smith	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	O'Shinsky
Jan 14 Rotherham	1-3	4451	Weich	Copeland*	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	O'Shinsky	Mellish	Smith	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Lomax
Jan 21 BURNLEY	2-1	5799	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	O'Shinsky	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Mycock
Jan 28 Exeter	1-5	2428	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	O'Shinsky*	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Lomax*
Feb 4 Doncaster	1-1	1868	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton	Lomax	Edmonds	Smith	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Mycock
Feb 11 GRIMSBY	0-2	1621	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Sutton*	Lomax	Edmonds	Walling:	Beaumont	Edmonds	Frain	Mellish*
Feb 17 Stockport	0-3	2825	Weich	Copeland	Mycock	Smart	Lomax	O'Shinsky	Fathergill	Roberts*	Beaumont	Edmonds	Frain	O'Shinsky*
Feb 28 HEREFORD	2-2	1060	Weich	Smart	Mycock	Brown	O'Shinsky	Copeland*	Fathergill	Taylor	Beaumont	Edmonds	Frain	Edmonds*
Mar 4 Tranthorpe	0-4	4098	Weich	Copeland	Armitage	Smart	Lomax	O'Shinsky	Mellish	Taylor	Beaumont	McIntyre	Lomax	Armitage*
Mar 11 TRANMERE	3-1	2158	Weich	Fathergill	Lomax*	Smart	Jones	O'Shinsky	Beaumont:	Taylor	Beaumont	Edmonds	Frain	Armitage*
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Mar 14	Darlington	2-1	1876	Welch	Fothergill	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Luckett	McIntyre
Mar 18	SCARBOROUGH	2-1	1636	Welch	Fothergill	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Brown	McIntyre
Mar 25	Leyton O	0-3	4591	Welch	Fothergill	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Copeland	McIntyre
Mar 27	CARLISLE	0-0	2145	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Fothergill	Fothergill
Mar 31	Colchester	0-3	3631	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Mellish	Copeland
Apr 5	Lincoln C	1-4	2033	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Copeland	O'Shnsy
Apr 8	CAMBRIDGE	2-1	1314	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Fothergill	Fothergill
Apr 14	Crewe A	1-3	4144	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Walling	Fothergill
Apr 22	HARTLEPOOL	0-0	1406	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Taylor	Fothergill
Apr 25	HALIFAX	1-1	1388	Welch	Fothergill	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Mycock	Edmonds
Apr 29	York C	3-3	1920	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Edmonds	Armitage
May 1	TORQUAY	2-1	1239	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Hughes	Hughes
May 6	PETERBOROUGH	0-0	4430	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Alford	Alford
May 13	Wrexham	1-2	3125	Welch	Brown	Armitage	Smart	Jones	O'Shnsy	Beaumont	Taylor	Walling	Edmonds	Frain	Hughes	Alford

KEY: Home matches in CAPITALS — Goalscorers in **Bold Italics**(LC)=Littlewoods Cup/Date Scores shown first/* and * = substitutions/O'Shnsy = O'Shaughnessy/FA = F.A. Cup/ SVT = Sherpa Van Trophy

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

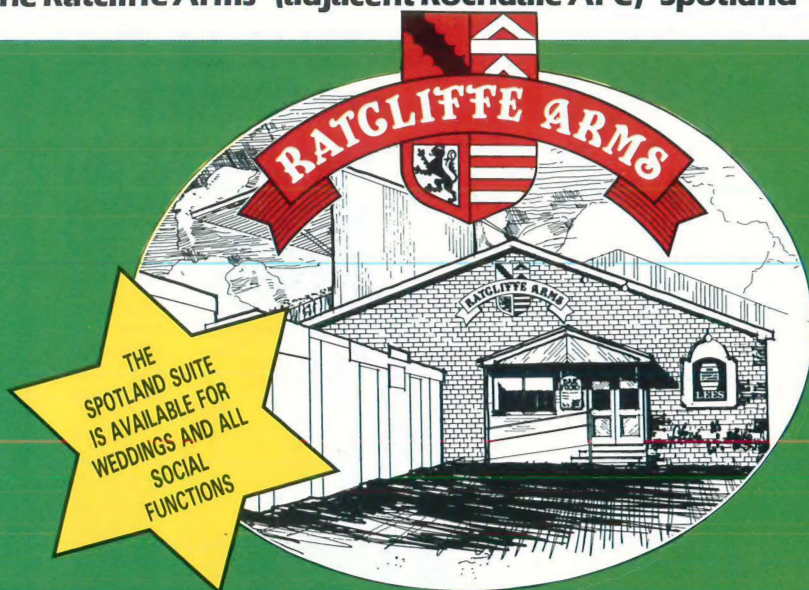


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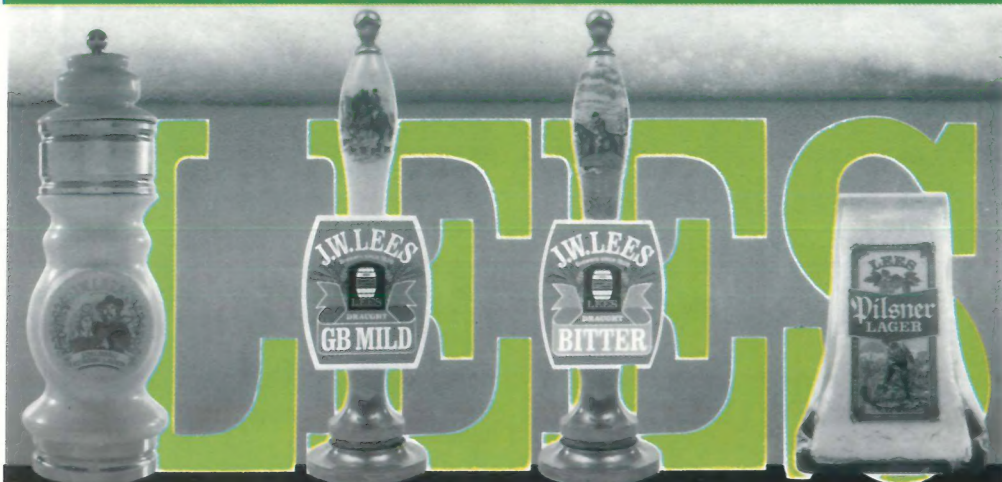
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